


attention of applicant by being cited in a Search Report issued in the corresponding European application on August 12, 2003. So far as applicant is aware, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

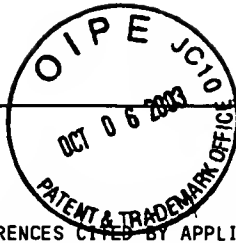
The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that the documents identified herein constitute prior art to the present application.

Please charge any fees incurred by the filing of this document or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP
Attorneys for Applicant

By: 
Glenn F. Savit
Reg. No. 37,437
Tel. (212) 588-0800



Based on Form PTO-1449
(3/90)

LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT
(Use several sheets if necessary)

ATTY. DOCKET NO.
450100-03467

SERIAL NO.
09/944,848

APPLICANT
Toru MINEYAMA

FILING DATE
August 31, 2001

GROUP
2615

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5 629 733	05/13/97	Youman et al.			
	AB	5 530 469	06/25/96	Garfinkle			
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						

RECEIVED
OCT 10 2003
Technology Center 2600

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	AL	EP 0 854 645	07/22/98	Europe			
	AM	WO 98 06219	02/12/98	PCT			
	AN						
	AO						
	AP						

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AQ		

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.